

MOULTON NEWS.

MOULTON, LAVACA COUNTY, TEXAS. THURSDAY MORNING, Feb 28, 1895.

Dr. Lancaster returned Friday from attendance at court in Hallettsville as did also Henry Krause and F. T. Fehrenkamp.

THE NEWS tends Mr. Fehrenkamp its congratulations on his re-appointment as public weigher.

Won't the wedding bells jingle here and bye.

Full line of Gents Furnishing goods just received at A. W. Hinrichs.

Miss Lizzie Franks went to Hallettsville Saturday on a visit.

Bus Lightner, of San Antonio visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Kotze.

Yeager is hard at work on his new house. It won't be long before it is finished.

Edmund Arnim of Yoakum was visiting his parents this week.

Austen String band will give a masquerade ball on the first of March.

For a cheap pair of Jeans pants go to A. W. Hinrichs.

Mr Henry Yeager of Flatonia spent Sunday here.

G. E. Hamel, recently of the Inst. now Yoakum, will remove to our city. He will build next to the Wagener place.

All kinds of shirtscheap at A. W. Hinrichs.

The Moulton Dramatic Club will have a regular meeting Saturday.

M. J. Kock of Flatonia, was here this week.

Get you a fine shirt for 25 cents at A. W. Hinrichs.

W. B. Friedrich will locate in Shiner this week.

Miss Emma Frazer, of Weimar, is visiting Mrs. W. H. Lancaster this week.

C. W. Hannell has been spending week in Hallettsville.

Dr. Lancaster went to Hallettsville Friday.

Miss Emma Magee of San Antonio was here Saturday.

The musical entertainment given Mrs. Kotzebue at the residence of George Bauer was attended Saturday night by an immense crowd enjoyed more than usual.

John Kleschnick suffered a dislocation of the shoulder at Christmas. It was reduced in time but slipped out of place again. Dr. Lancaster again reduced the dislocation. The old lady is doing very well.

PICIOUS CHARACTERS.

Thursday of last week a couple of rowdy looking strangers appeared in town and to judge from all appearances intended to do up the town. They were young men, very good looking. One of them especially had the appearance of a professional crook. He was rather tall, dark mustache and had a way of watching every one at the corners of his eyes, hanging around town all day, and spying. One of them was going to make a raise or other. Jack Dockery then stepped in and at night was on the watch. He was guarded better Tuesday night Feb. 27, the town were watching two slick parties were in their work.

A SAD DEATH.

Henry Helweg died at his home this last week, at Breslau, of the measles and was buried at Witting Sunday. The deceased was 22 years old the 8th of February. He was a brother of F. J. Helweg of this place. His brother Herman is also very low of the same disease.

John Polvelka and Rose Svec were married at the Catholic church Monday by Father Handcock.

A H-RSE ON JOHN.

The boys are telling a good one on Mr. John Vivyal, who keeps such good chili and Tamales. It seems that John has come to the conclusion that the telegraph business is no good and the way it happened was this. John made a business trip to Schulenburg in a buggy and while there he happened to remember that he had left no instructions at home about his hogs so he sent a telegram home which read as follows:

"Feed and water hogs."

John Vivyal.

This was about ten o'clock in the morning and after he got the telegram off John hitched up and started home. He reached home about half past two and his first inquiries were "How is them hogs? and did you get the telegraph?" But no "telegraph" had come in and it was six o'clock before the telegram showed up. This is why John says the telegraph business is no good when a man can out run it with a buckboard and an old sorrel horse.

The following were present at the residence of Dr. Lancaster Sunday night: Mr. and Mrs. George Bauer, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Woodley, Mrs. Jos. Arnim, Miss Emma Feyer of Weimar, Misses Minnie and Ella Cherry, Annie and Clyde Dockery, Lillie Walker, Pammie Hampill and Pearl Kosses, Messrs W. H. Jones, Ed Arnim, Joe Houston, Otto and Gus Arnim, John Tannenburger, Cline Jackson and Chas. J. Brunner.

Miss Theresa Kloss left Sunday for Shiner to visit her parents.

Mrs. M. Kotzebue and Mrs. Emil Buescher visited Flatonia Saturday. Squire Jackson went to Hallettsville Monday and Prof. Guenther and A. M. Kotzebue and C. M. Kotzebue were there Tuesday on business.

J. W. Mateer of Flatonia was here Monday.

C. I. Jaeggli of Shiner was in the city Monday.

Minard Kotzebue will handle school books in the future and will soon have a complete stock.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

Washington's birthday was well observed here by the school children. Prof. and Mrs. Guenther had spared no pains to prepare an interesting program and the exercises at the school house were very fine. The procession then formed with the Moulton band in the lead and about 90 school children in line. It was a great day for Moulton. The hall at night was attended by all the prominent young society people in this vicinity. Music was furnished by Janzen Bros.

"And the beauty and chivalry were there."

"And hearts beat fast and flying feet,"

"While the music in rhythmic measures tell."

Our Dramatic Club.

As I have not seen anything in the paper about the Moulton Dramatic club, I state that it is a good thing. It is an organization for the benefit of the young people. It was organized Jan. 1, 1895, with ten charter members and has now 23 applications. They gave a ball Friday night with great success. They are studying hard on a play named "East Lynne," adopted from a novel by that name, written by Mrs. Henry Wood. They think that they can give it in three weeks from date. Mr. G. Fluery is painting scenery for them. The officers are Prof. Guenther, director; W. H. Jones treasurer; Mrs. Guenther secretary. None but ladies and gentlemen belong to the club. I wish them success and they will have it if they follow their director's directions.

A FRIEND.

The names of Alfred Kubitz and H. W. Cook were added to our subscription list Saturday. Mr. Cook, however, gets his mail in Witting. Postmaster Quebedeaux of Nickl was in town Saturday, looking unusually well and contented.

Watson, the Safe Blower.

Talking about the man Little on the streets Friday set Fritz Luecke and Jack Dockery to talking about the Watson case. Along in the fall of 1892 a man giving the name of Watson got a job picking cotton for Bud Dockery near Moulton. One night he and a negro cotton picker were gambling in an out building, when the light gave out and Watson sent the negro to the house for a candle. While he was gone Watson took a new pair of pants belonging to the darker and left, and nothing more was heard from him until later, though he was seen once in Moulton by Jacob Kertz. On the night of May, 21st the railroad agent was awakened by a loud report, and judging it to be made by safe blowers, he hurried to the hotel and woke up Horne, the detective, who was bounding there then. Fritz and Wm. Luecke were also aroused and told that there had been a safe blown open in town. Horne, Fritz and Wm. Luecke then started toward town from Frank Wagner's house. When they reached the clump of live oaks near Fritz Krause's house they heard a curious cracking noise and Fritz called his brother's attention to it. Just then some one (the agent) fired a revolver near the depot, and a man broke out of the clump of live oaks and ran right towards them. When about twenty steps away he saw them and turned and ran towards the railroad track. They called on him to halt and then gave pursuit, and Wm. Luecke caught him near F. T. Fehrenkamp's house. Even when a six-shooter was placed against his head he refused to halt or put up his hands, and only when he was surrounded that he gave up. It proved to be Watson and the noise they had heard in the live oaks thicket was made by him trying to force the box from the safe of Edward Boehm. The box contained papers, some rare coins and other valuables, all of which were recovered. Watson was guarded at Frank Wagner's house until morning, when Deputy Luecke set out with him for Hallettsville. While on the road Watson made a desperate attempt to escape. He

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was handcuffed, and when Mr. Luecke looked aside for a moment Watson suddenly threw his manacled arms over Luecke's head, pinning his arms to his side and bringing his head down until Watson caught his nose in his mouth and gave him a severe bite. Though taken by surprise, Luecke took the matter coolly and commenced working his six shooter around against Watson's breast. Watson struggled desperately and was a strong and active man, but when he felt the gun against his breast he gave in and said "Don't hurt me, I'll give up." He was then taken to jail and in due time given ten years in the pen, where he is now sitting each day in the shoe shop at Hallettsville, pegging away at the shoe trade.

When it comes to pretty girls, Yoakum leads all South Texas towns. This is not a bit of flattery, but a fact that can be easily proved, for the girls are here for inspection. —Yoakum Times.

Well, well, Brother Johnson, if you had only been at the hall here Friday night and seen the long line of pretty girls that ornamented each side of Kotzebue hall, you would say that Moulton leads the van when it comes to pretty girls.

Our New Band.

Our new band is an excellent one and the boys can put up fine music. The band is composed of the following members: John Bartek, L. Rothbauer, Emil Buescher, E. Koenig, Ben Cardes, Rudolph Vivyal, Adolph Janzen and Willie Fehrenkamp. The News extends the hope that the band will live long and prosper.

Important Business Change.

Friday it developed that Mr. J. G. Bohnenhaup had purchased the saloon of F. Wm. Krause and had sold his stock of goods to Bauer & Jaeggli. Mr. Krause, we are informed, had decided to remove to his farm. Mr. Bohnenhaup is a popular young business man and will no doubt make a success of his new business venture.

The GAZETTE job office turned out this week job work for Jacob Kertz, A. W. Hinrichs, Dr. Lancaster, J. E. Quebedeaux, Willie Krause and others.

That Ninety Cents.

The man Little made a confession to the editor of the GAZETTE Saturday night, in which he admitted taking the 90 cents stolen from the delivery window in the postoffice at this place Thursday. Joe Poler had bought ten cents' worth of stamps and gave a dollar in payment. Postmaster Jones laid out 90 cents in change and turned his back a moment. As so did Joe Poler also, and in a moment the 90 cents was in his hand. Suspicion was at once turned toward a well-dressed young man who had just inquired for mail for Frank Little and Frank Ladd, and was standing around while the change was made. There was no proof against him, however, and it remained for the publisher of the GAZETTE and News to get him by "fess up." It happened this way: We accosted him at the calaboose Saturday night with "Well, Little, what did you do with that 90 cents you got in the postoffice at Moulton?" "What 90 cents?" said Little. "Why, that 90 cents you took when that man bought those stamps. It's no use for you to deny it, as the postmaster saw you get it." He sprang up excitedly, "I'll bet you \$5 he didn't see me, as he had his back to me when I got it." "O, you got it, then?" "Yes, of course I got it and took it around to that beer saloon (John Vivyal's) and got me something to eat with it." This was all we wanted to know, and we then went on with some more questions, when he admitted that he had been in the penitentiary and was wanted in another part of the state for robbery. He even told how much money he got and what he did with it. He declared that he was bound to have \$75,000 and was going to have it. When asked why he called for mail for Ladd, he said that Ladd and Little were all the same. —Ladd was the name he had while in the penitentiary and Little his name since he got out. We talked to him for some time Saturday night and came to the conclusion that he was either mentally unbalanced or utterly incorrigible.